

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30PM TOWN HALL HEARING ROOM
5/18/11

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Bayer	Jenkins	Phelps	Corredera
DeCoursey"	Connors*	Simmons*	Gibian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Town Manager Brian Sullivan, Deputy Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine, School Committee Members Bill Hayward, Comptroller Ruth Lewis, Selectman Diane Mahon, Vicki Ford

ADDBACK REVIEWS:

Comptroller: Lewis stated that she needs the phone operator for another year as she plans for an automated operator. Sullivan is concerned w/ making the automation friendly to callers which requires planning. VOTED \$14,394 as requested. Unanimous.

Planning: Sullivan said this department needs more staff. He views this position as a combination assistant director/economic development coordinator. He has recommendations from a consultant on steps needed for economic development. VOTED \$70,939. Unanimous.

IT: FiscalSubCom(Foskett) questioned the \$90.5k requested for technology upgrades in 4 departments and transferred to IT by FinCom vote on Monday. He is concerned that these are appropriations normally included in the capital budget after careful review. Sullivan stated that this is the best way to maintain services at minimal cost. He agreed that they are capital expenses.

Addbacks for the following budgets remain tabled.: Fire, Health Insurance, COA Transportation.

COMMITTEE: Will meet 5/23/11 even if Town Meeting adjourns

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$478,192.31

Peter Howard 5/22/11 Revised 5/23/11

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